

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.       A weed pulling hoe for gathering weeds at the interstices between the  
2 weed foliage above the ground and the weed root below the ground, the weed pulling hoe  
3 comprising:  
4                   a hoe handle for being held by a standing operator at one end and supporting a  
5 hoe body generally normal to the handle at the bottom distal end;  
6                   the hoe body defining two blunted prongs on either side of central is axis  
7 extending away from the attachment to hoe handle along the hoe body;  
8                   the two blunted prongs defining there between a V-shaped gathering gap with  
9 blunted opposed V-shaped edges on either side of the axis;  
10                  the hoe body having a first hoe body portion which is planar and at substantial  
11 right angles to the handle between the attachment to the handle and the V-shaped gathering  
12 gap and a second hoe body portion which is planar including portions of the two blunted  
13 prongs, the first portion being separated from the second portion along a bending axis normal  
14 to central axis of the hoe body; and,  
15                  the second hoe body portion including portions of the two prongs bent  
16 upwardly and away from the first hoe body portion towards the hoe handle at an obtuse angle  
17 along the bending axis to form a weed pulling cradle area at the bending axis between the  
18 first hoe body portion and the second hoe body portion in the hoe body;  
19                  whereby a weed gathered between the V-shaped gathering gap between the  
20 weed foliage and the weed root is pulled between the first hoe body portion and the second  
21 hoe body portion by the weed pulling cradle area when the handle is withdrawn from the  
22 ground towards the standing operator.

1                   2.       The weed pulling hoe for gathering weeds according to claim 1 and  
2 further wherein:  
3                   the hoe body portion defines a rectilinear exterior profile.

1                   3.       The weed pulling hoe for gathering weeds according to claim 1 and  
2 further wherein:  
3                   the V-shaped gathering gap terminates in a radiused notch.

1                   4.       The weed pulling hoe for gathering weeds according to claim 2 and  
2 further wherein:

the two prongs each defined portions of the rectilinear exterior profile of the hoe body portion; and,  
the prongs are sharpened along the rectilinear exterior profile,  
whereby the prongs can be utilized for a conventional hoeing.

5. A weed pulling process for using a weed pulling hoe for gathering weeds at the interstices between the weed foliage above the ground and the weed root below the ground, the weed pulling process comprising the steps of:

providing a hoe including,  
a hoe handle for being held by a standing operator at one end and supporting a hoe body generally normal to the handle at the bottom distal end;  
the hoe body defining two blunted prongs on either side of central is axis extending away from the attachment to hoe handle along the hoe body;  
the two blunted prongs defining there between a V-shaped gathering gap with blunted opposed V-shaped edges on either side of the axis;  
the hoe body having a first hoe body portion which is planar and at substantial right angles to the handle between the attachment to the handle and the V-shaped gathering gap and a second hoe body portion which is planar including portions of the two blunted prongs, the first portion being separated from the second portion along a bending axis normal to central axis of the hoe body; and,  
the second hoe body portion including portions of the two prongs bent upwardly and away from the first hoe body portion towards the hoe handle at an obtuse angle along the bending axis to form a weed pulling cradle area at the bending axis between the first hoe body portion and the second hoe body portion in the hoe body;  
pulling the hoe handle to slide the second hoe body portion flat along the ground to place the two blunted prongs at the interstices between weed foliage above the ground and weed root below the ground;  
centering the weed root between the blunted opposed V-shaped edges of the two blunted prongs;  
pulling the hoe handle away from the ground towards the standing operator;  
whereby a weed gathered between the V-shaped gathering gap between the weed foliage and the weed root is pulled between the first hoe body portion and the second hoe body portion by the weed pulling cradle area when the handle is withdrawn from the ground towards the standing operator.